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Identical letters dated 15 December 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a summary of Israeli violations and acts of aggression against Lebanon from 23 November to 13 December 2004, inclusive.

These grave violations are part of a series of persistent and provocative Israeli violations of Lebanese territory, including air, sea and land, and intervene against the principles of international law, the resolutions of international legitimacy and the repeated calls of the United Nations for their cessation.

In view of these violations and the stepping-up of Israeli threats against Lebanon and the safety of its territory and its citizens, Lebanon relies upon the United Nations to deter and prevent Israel from indulging in such dangerous acts, which constitute a threat to international security and peace. Lebanon holds Israel fully responsible for any consequences to which those acts may lead.

In drawing your attention to the grave consequences of such acts, I request that this letter of compliant and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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Annex to the identical letters dated 15 December 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

23 November 2004

Between 1755 and 1800 hours, an Israeli gunboat in Lebanese territorial waters off Ras-Naqoura fired a flare shell and several bursts of medium machine-gun fire on the open sea.

24 November 2004

At 0929 hours, an Israeli gunboat in Lebanese territorial waters off Ras-Naqoura fired several bursts of medium machine-gun fire on the open sea.

28 November 2004

At 1009 hours, Israeli occupation forces, positioned in Rweiset Alalam inside Chebaa farms, fired several bursts of medium machine-gun fire at the surroundings of this position.

At 1500 hours, an Israeli gunboat in Lebanese territorial waters off Ras-Naqoura fired several bursts of medium machine-gun fire on the open sea.

29 November 2004

At 2215 hours, an Israeli gunboat in Lebanese territorial waters off Ras-Naqoura fired a flare shell on the open sea.

1 December 2004

Between 1028 and 1130 hours, eight Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace at different altitudes and entered from above the villages of Naqoura and Rmaiche.

- Six of these warplanes headed to the Bekaa and two headed to Jbeil and then to the Bekaa. The eight warplanes flew over Hermel and Baalback and then headed west and south.
- Four Israeli warplanes flew in a circular motion over Chekaa and Jbeil and left from above the sea at 1055 hours.
- Two warplanes left at 1116 hours from above Alma Elchab.
- Two warplanes left at 1130 hours from above Rmaiche.

Between 1035 and 1325 hours, two Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace at different altitudes and entered from above Rmaiche, headed north and circled South Lebanon.

2 December 2004

Between 1022 and 1420 hours, an Israeli drone aircraft violated Lebanese airspace at a medium altitude and entered from above the sea facing Saida, headed north, and circled over Khalde.

Between 1944 and 2220 hours, an Israeli drone aircraft violated Lebanese airspace at a medium altitude and entered from above the sea off Saida, headed north, and circled over Beirut and Damour.

5 December 2004

Between 1015 and 1210 hours, Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace and broke the sound barrier at a high altitude over South Lebanon.

12 December 2004

Between 1110 and 1150 hours, two Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace at different altitudes over Tripoli.

13 December 2004

Between 1755 and 2110 hours, an Israeli drone aircraft violated Lebanese airspace at a medium altitude, entered from above the sea off Tyre, headed to Beirut and circled over Khalde and Saida.